



October 2005

I joined with the North Park community on September 30 to celebrate the return of a city landmark with the official opening of the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre. A cornerstone in the community since 1929, the North Park Theatre is once again a thriving live performance venue for the neighborhood and the San Diego region.

This is the culmination of many years of hard work from the public and private sectors and the community as a whole. The City of San Diego has been invested in the restoration of the theater for 15 years. The city purchased the theatre in 1990 to ensure preservation of the historic landmark, and the city's Redevelopment Agency spearheaded the theater's refurbishment, investing

THE NORTH PARK THEATRE IS BACK!



(Above) The restored marquee on University Avenue; (below) the new theater entrance on 29th Street.



\$22 million in funding for restoration and a 393-space parking structure. The theater also features 5,800 square feet of retail space on the ground floor and 6,700 square feet of office space on the second floor.

The Agency negotiated the agreement with developer Arnold G. "Bud" Fisher, and Lyric Opera San Diego was selected by Fisher to serve as the theater's managing tenant. The theater will be rented to other local performing arts groups at times when Lyric Opera is not performing.

Lyric Opera's first live performance at the theater, "The Mikado," is October 14. For more information on performances and theater tickets, contact the Lyric Opera box office at 619/239-8836 or visit www.lyricoperasandiego.com.

ONE STEP CLOSER TO A NEW CITY HEIGHTS MINI-PARK

Over the last few years, the land around the I-15 corridor has been converted into a series of parks running along the freeway from Normal Heights to City Heights. These mini-parks provide an urban oasis in densely populated neighborhoods where residents have limited access to green space.

Now the city is working with Caltrans to put in place one of the last pieces needed to create a continuous greenbelt along that stretch of freeway. Using park fees, park bond funds and City Heights redevelopment funds, the City plans to acquire from Caltrans a 16,096 square-foot parcel of land just off the pedestrian bridge that links City Heights to Park de la Cruz.

The new mini-park is planned for the 3800 block of Central Avenue on the east side of the I-15, one block south of University Avenue. Once the land acquisition goes through, we will begin a discussion of how to best develop a small park that meets the neighboring communities' need for open space and play areas. I'll keep you posted as plans for this park develop.

MAJOR STREETSCAPE PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD

Work continues on the Adams Avenue Streetscape project, located on Adams Avenue between Texas and 30th Street and on 30th Street between Adams Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard. To date, 42 new streetlights have been installed and were illuminated on September 15th.

Work on the existing streetlights along Adams Avenue is ongoing. Light poles are being repainted and new, clear globes will replace the old globes, providing brighter illumination. The next part of the project will include sidewalk repairs and new tree plantings to complement the Antique Row area of Adams Avenue.

Work is also proceeding on the landscaped medians along El Cajon Boulevard between Texas and 30th streets. The city and contractor anticipate the concrete work to be completed by the end of October.

I am pleased that I've been able to allocate more than \$1.2 million in Community Development Block Grant funds to these two major streetscape projects.

ATKINS ANNOUNCES \$2.7 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS FOR UPTOWN

The Uptown District will receive \$2.7 million for 13 community infrastructure improvements allocated from development impact fees (DIF). For the first time, the Uptown community will benefit from an appreciable amount of funding for critical infrastructure such as parks, new turf for school play areas, traffic improvements, and library planning. After public debate, neighborhoods have told us they want more parks and better traffic safety.

The proposed recommendations include sidewalk improvements to University Avenue in Hillcrest, improvements to the Normal Street median, and safety improvements to the intersections at Third Avenue and Robinson Avenue and University Avenue and Front Street.

The project selections recognize the importance of transportation issues in Uptown and respond to community concerns about traffic safety that were raised at planning meetings. Design work and feasibility studies for the Hillcrest/Mission Hills Library and the University Heights Library relocation to the Teacher Training Annex are also on the list, along with two new pocket parks at West Lewis Street and Falcon Street, and at Maple and Albatross streets. Further expanding local green space, new turf will be added at Roosevelt Junior High and Birney Elementary School.



One DIF-funded project will study the feasibility of relocating the University Heights Library to the Teacher Training Annex (left) on Park Boulevard at El Cajon Boulevard.

These are the first DIF projects to be awarded in Uptown since the imposition of the increased fee in 2002. The revenues are collected from construction projects in the Uptown area to mitigate the impact of new development on public facilities such as parks, fire stations, libraries, and traffic. New development is charged a fee proportional to the impacts it causes. In Uptown, a fee of \$7,665 per residential dwelling unit is collected at the time the building permit is issued.

This year, I wanted to introduce a new element of community participation into the project selection process. Members of Uptown Planners, Hillcrest Association, Mission Hills Association, Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association, and Uptown Partnership provided input at two community meetings hosted by Uptown Planners this past June. At the meetings, community organizations had the opportunity to bring forward DIF-eligible projects for consideration, and participants reviewed the recommendations with city staff.

The recommendations were compiled by my office and the office of the Second Council District, which includes the Uptown neighborhoods of Mission Hills and Bankers Hill. The selection list will be forwarded to the City Manager, where it will be reviewed by city staff for eligibility and forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

UPTOWN DIF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2006-07

Parks and playing fields: (project cost)

- West Lewis Street/Falcon Street Pocket Park (\$450,000)
- Roosevelt Junior High School Joint-Use Park Facility (\$400,000)
- Maple Street and Albatross Street Pocket Park (\$375,000)
- Birney Elementary School Joint-Use Park Facility (\$100,000)

Public safety and libraries:

- Bridge funding/design work for Mission Hills/Hillcrest Library (\$350,000)
- Feasibility analysis on relocation of University Heights Branch Library to the Teacher Training Annex (\$50,000)
- Mission Hills Fire Station female dorm room renovations (\$46,000)

Traffic and infrastructure:

- Construction on the First Avenue Bridge over Maple Canyon (\$411,000)
- Safety improvements at Third Avenue/Robinson Avenue and University Avenue/Front Street intersections (\$150,000)
- Normal Street median improvements (\$110,000)
- Engineering analysis for the Fourth/Fifth/Sixth Avenue Traffic Calming Project (Bankers Hill/Park West/Hillcrest) (\$100,000)
- University Avenue sidewalk improvements (Hillcrest business district) (\$90,000)
- Pedestrian improvements at Goldfinch and Washington streets (Mission Hills business district) (\$60,000)

SOUTH PARK/GOLDEN HILL PROJECT UPDATE

Work continues on the undergrounding of overhead distribution lines along 30th and Fern streets in South Park. Trenching and conduit work is completed and the streets have been resurfaced. Crews are now in the process of completing the connections to utility customers, pulling cable through the conduits and setting transformer boxes. They anticipate the underground service to be energized by the end of the year.

As many South Park and Golden Hill residents know, Gala Foods has been sold by its previous owners. The property is currently in escrow, and the developers are undergoing the long process of obtaining community input on the future use of the land. The final plans for this site will ultimately have to go through City Council for approval. However, as of today, nothing official has been submitted to the city.



THE TONI TIMES

From the Desk of Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins

Newsletter

October 2005

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When I first took over the duties of the mayor's office as Deputy Mayor in late July, I outlined **three priorities** for the limited time that I have in this position. These priorities are to ensure that the **constituent needs** of residents and businesses in Council Districts 2, 8 and my own District 3 are being met; to bring **financial stability** back to city government and position us to re-enter the municipal bond market; and to pave the way for a smooth **transition to the strong mayor** form of government in January.

In a broader sense, I have one overriding goal, and that is to leave the Office of the Mayor, and the city, in better shape. I may only be the Deputy Mayor for four months, but it is an honor to serve you in this capacity.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on the three priorities as I approach the halfway point of my brief, but busy, tenure as your Deputy Mayor.

Constituent services

As you may know, my staff is currently divided across two offices and floors—our City Council office and the Office of the Mayor. Even as we conduct the work of the Mayor's Office, however, we have a full staff working to address the needs of our constituents in Council District 3. Jim Madaffer, the Mayor Pro Tem, is working with the staffs of Council Districts 2 and 8 to ensure the constituents in those two districts continue to be well served.

Of course, you are welcome to call my office at any time at (619) 236-6330 if you need assistance with a city matter. Constituent service has always been my first priority as an elected official, and that will never change.

Fiscal stability

I am working aggressively to put the city back on the path to financial stability. This month, the City Council reviewed options laid out by the City Manager for narrowing the pension gap—the shortfall between the funds we've set aside for future pension obligations, and the future cost of those obligations. This shortfall, also known as the funding ratio, lies at the root of our fiscal crisis.

The Council has begun to address the pension deficit and take the necessary, difficult steps to improve the funding ratio by exploring ways to make cuts and/or increase revenues through such mechanisms as bond sales, maximizing city assets and leases, and other measures.

While many are loudly arguing to roll back pension benefits, unfortunately, this alone will not solve our problem, and it will take time to resolve the issue in the courts. Even if the benefits are rolled back—and legal precedent suggests that this may be difficult—we will still have a \$600 million deficit. Many hard decisions lie ahead of us.

Meanwhile, in the short-term, it is imperative that we re-establish the city's bond rating as quickly as possible and re-enter the bond market. Since mid-September, we have taken important steps toward finalizing the city's independent audit, a crucial milestone toward restoring credibility with the bond rating agencies.

Strong mayor transition

When I became Deputy Mayor, little had been done to prepare for the strong mayor transition in the executive branch. Fortunately, working with the City Attorney, I found that the legal changes needed are minor (for example, changing the city's Municipal Code by replacing the words "City Manager" with "the Mayor").

However, the devil is in the details. There are still a few loose ends, such as how to handle redevelopment issues. A major concern for me is that the language in Proposition F does not give the mayor any role in redevelopment. I believe that was not the voters' intent. Redevelopment is too important to exclude the mayor.

The transition to this new form of government is a continuing process that will unfold over the next few months. It won't all be completed by the beginning of January. The City Council and the new mayor will continue to finalize various aspects of the division of responsibilities.

We are working hard every day to restore the vibrancy and sound financial footing this city and its citizens deserve, but it will be a long haul. I remain confident that with the issuance of qualified financial statements, we will be positioned to go back to the bond market—a crucial first step toward financial stability, and one that will, for me, mean that I have accomplished one of my key goals as Deputy Mayor. I am hopeful that over this four-month period, with everyone working together on the same page and toward the same goal, we can put the city on a path to move beyond this troubled period.

NEW FALL HOURS FOR MOST RECREATION CENTERS

Effective mid-September, the hours of operation at most city recreation centers have been reduced. Depending upon location, recreation centers will operate either on a core 40-hour or 48-hour week.

Recreation centers listed below will be open on a core 40-hour week:

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| Tuesday through Thursday | 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 4 hours (varies) |
| 17 other hours | Programmed based upon community's priorities |

Centers in the Third Council District include Adams, Azalea, Golden Hill, Mid-City Gym, North Park.

Others throughout the city are: Allied Gardens, Cabrillo, Cadman, Carmel Mountain, Canyonside, Cesar Chavez, Colina del Sol, Hilltop, Kearny Mesa, La Jolla, Linda Vista, Memorial, Mira Mesa, Montgomery-Waller, North Clairemont, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Penn Field, Presidio, Rancho Bernardo, Robb Field, San Ysidro, Santa Clara, Scripps Ranch, Serra Mesa, Silverwing, South Bay, Southcrest, South Clairemont, Stockton, Tecolote, and Tierrasanta.

Recreation centers listed below will be open on a core 48-hour week:

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| Monday through Thursday | 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 4 hours (varies) |
| 20 other hours | Programmed based upon community's priorities |

I was pleased to be able to reallocate some additional funding for the City Heights Rec Center so that it would fall under the 48-hour schedule.

Others throughout the city on the 48-hour schedule are Carmel Valley, Chollas Lake, Encanto, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mountain View, Paradise Hills, Skyline Hills, Standley, and Willie Henderson.

Donations can help keep centers open for additional hours and are greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact your local recreation center.

Additional information, call your community recreation center or visit the park system on the city's website at: www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation.

BROADWAY COMPLEX KEPT OFF BRAC LIST

In late August, the City of San Diego received the good news that the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission had voted to keep the Broadway Complex off this year's base closure list.

The vote by BRAC to allow the city and the Navy to move forward to develop a long-term redevelopment plan for the Broadway Complex is a major victory for our region. San Diegans can feel good about the outcome of this year's hearings, which saw no major military installation closures here. I can't say enough about the great job our local team did to make sure this site stayed off the list, and to Rear Admiral Leendert Hering, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, for continuing to work with the city to achieve this common goal.

The unanimous vote of the commission gives the City of San Diego and the Navy 16 months to enter into a long-term lease that provides for the redevelopment of the site. If a new lease is not agreed to by January 1, 2007, the Broadway Complex would then be added to the BRAC closure list.

Although our work is cut out for us to pull together a long-term lease agreement in a relatively short amount of time, I'm confident that the city, CCDC and the Navy can all work together to achieve this mutual goal. I want to thank our elected officials in Washington, specifically Senator Feinstein and Congressmembers Davis and Hunter, who have pledged their continued support and assistance.

San Diego received additional good news with BRAC's announcement of the closure of Naval Station Ingleside in Texas. The Mine Warfare Command and 10 mine countermeasure ships currently at Ingleside will be relocated to San Diego. Conservatively, 100 jobs and \$2 million in economic impact, per ship, will be coming to San Diego. Additionally, the intermediate-level maintenance for these ships is worth approximately \$50 million to the region.

The decision to move this command and these ships to San Diego to join the fleet here makes perfect sense, considering the surface ships, submarines, helicopters and Navy labs specializing in advanced technology areas such as sonar that are already located here. The synergy created by linking up these countermeasure ships with the Pacific Fleet is a positive development for our military and a great opportunity for our region.

BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS DONATES \$75,000 TO KEEP BALBOA PARK DECEMBER NIGHTS THRIVING

The City of San Diego received some wonderful news in mid-September when the Barona Band of Mission Indians stepped forward with a \$75,000 donation to be the major sponsor of our annual Balboa Park December Nights celebration. I was honored and excited to join with Barona Tribe Chairwoman Rhonda Welch-Scalco to make the announcement in Balboa Park on September 21.



Deputy Mayor Atkins (fourth from left) receives a \$75,000 check from the Barona Band of Mission Indians as the presenting sponsor of Balboa Park December Nights. Barona Chairwoman Rhonda Welch-Scalco (fourth from right) made the presentation, joined by representatives of Balboa Park institutions and the Barona tribe.

The Barona tribe takes distinct pride in its Native American heritage, culture and traditions, and the central role that family plays in everyday life. This sponsorship is a perfect fit for such a beloved civic

event geared toward families and steeped in tradition.

Last year the City of San Diego was asked to take over the management of this community event with the goal of creating a sustainable business plan for December Nights. Our partnership with Barona is an important step toward achieving this goal and will allow this event to continue for the 28th consecutive year.

The City of San Diego, the San Diego Business Improvement District Council, the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and the City's Office of Special Events and Park and Recreation Department are once again working together to present a first-class holiday event for the region. The addition of the Barona Band of Mission Indians as the presenting sponsor will inject the event with new energy and broaden the already vast cultural experience offered to visitors. Balboa Park December Nights is the largest free community festival in San Diego, with more than 150,000 people in attendance.

The two-day event, held this year on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 10:00 p.m., will once again feature traditional celebrations with more than 80 museums and cultural organizations in the park opening their doors. In the spirit of the holidays, participating Balboa Park museums open their doors free of charge from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. both days.

Additionally, the three new holiday-themed entertainment features that were added last year will again be offered this year. San Diego's finest restaurants will serve the public at the Cabrillo Bridge/Marston Point Food Tasting; the Cascades International Holiday Marketplace will feature crafts, food and entertainment from around the world; and there will again be carnival rides, a petting zoo, a children's stage and more for the youngsters to enjoy at the Palisade Midway, including the Navidad de Colores Children's Art Contest sponsored by XEWT Channel 12.

Each year, Balboa Park December Nights seems to add great new features while maintaining the traditional elements that folks have come to love and expect over the past 28 years. With the addition of a sponsor with deep roots in Native American culture and tradition, this year's event should offer yet a new set of fascinating and exciting music, food and entertainment offerings.

In addition to the Barona Band of Mission Indians, other sponsors include the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, the House of Hospitality's Balboa Park Promotions, and the Balboa Park Committee, all from Balboa Park; media partners KXYX Radio and XEWT/Channel 12; and community sponsors The San Diego Foundation, The Parker Foundation, The Friends of Balboa Park, The County of San Diego/Supervisor Greg Cox, The Dr. Seuss Foundation, and Del Cerro Baptist Church.

Community participants are a huge part of the success of Balboa Park December Nights. More than 40 entertainment groups provide, free of charge, their gifts of music, dance and drama. Hundreds of volunteers from Balboa Park cultural institutions, and from the community, donate their time and talents to help pull off such a large-scale civic event. For up-to-the-minute information about the 28th annual Balboa Park December Nights, visit the website at www.balboapark.org.

PHOTO GALLERY



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins worked with City of San Diego employee unions to sponsor a Hurricane Katrina blood drive to help raise the nation's blood reserve in the aftermath of the tragedy. Pictured with Atkins are representatives of Firefighters Local 145, the Police Officers Association, the Municipal Employees Association and AFSCME Local 127.

(Right) Deputy Mayor Atkins joined Mayor Pro Tem Jim Madaffer and local library supporters to cut the ribbon on the newly opened College/Rolando Branch Library.



(Left) Deputy Mayor Atkins had the pleasure of mingling with Rear Admiral Leendert Hering, Commander, Navy Region Southwest (left) and Vice Admiral James Zortman, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet at the recent visit to North Island Naval Station by President George W. Bush.



(Left) On September 22, this sculpture of a B-24 fighter plane was hoisted into place at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Balboa Park. The garden is scheduled to be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, immediately following the conclusion of the Veterans Day Parade, which this year will be held along Park Boulevard adjacent to Balboa Park.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins presents the co-chairs of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance with a Council resolution proclaiming the week of August 20-27 to be "Gay Softball World Series Week" in San Diego. The tournament, which is the largest annual gay and lesbian athletic sporting event in the world with more than 190 teams and 3,000 participants, was previously hosted by San Diego in 1997.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins spoke at the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the new civic park at NTC.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins had the honor of meeting with Mexican Consul General Luis Cabrera and Captain Roberto Gonzalez of the Mexican Navy Ship Cuatemoc, which was docked in San Diego during the Tall Ships spectacular. She accepted a gift to the city from the captain of the ship—a beautiful brass and wood plaque made entirely from pieces of the ship. It is a tradition of the Cuatemoc to leave a piece of itself in every town in which it docks.



(Below left) Deputy Mayor Atkins and members of her staff (and their family members and dogs) helped clean up Dog Beach in Ocean Beach recently as part of the international Coastal Cleanup Day. Earlier in the morning Atkins joined the other half of her staff for a similar cleanup in a Balboa Park canyon.



(Above right) Deputy Mayor Atkins joined KUSI Morning Show reporter Rod Luck (second from left) for an early morning interview promoting the for-sale, multifamily affordable townhomes on Kansas Street that are part of the Renaissance at North Park redevelopment project. Joining Atkins are (left to right) project developer Tom Carter of Carter Reese & Associates, Bobbi Christensen of the San Diego Housing Commission, and retiring North Park Main Street Executive Director Jay Turner.

Swimmers of all ages who frequent Bud Kearns Swimming Pool at the Morley Field Complex in Balboa Park will be able to enjoy an extra month of swimming this fall!

In response to numerous calls and e-mails from constituents asking that the pool be kept open one month longer, I was pleased to be able to allocate \$27,600 in Proposition 40 park funds to keep the pool open through the end of October. As you may recall,

ATKINS ALLOCATES FUNDS TO KEEP BUD KEARNS POOL OPEN THROUGH OCT. 31



Deputy Mayor Atkins allocated funds to keep Bud Kearns Pool at Morley Field in Balboa Park open until Oct. 31.

the pool had been scheduled to close for three months on September 30 pursuant to the city's Fiscal Year 2006 budget.

One of the toughest cuts we had to make this year during our budget deliberations was to our funding levels for civic pool operations during three non-summer months.

However, I'm pleased that we'll now be able to keep the pool open during a month that gets a lot of use by swimmers who frequent the pool on a regular basis.

FLAGSHIP LIBRARY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS NEW LOCATION AND DEVELOPER

The District Three Flagship Library Task Force decided at its September 29 meeting to switch direction on the location and preferred developer for the Flagship Library. A major change to the original proposal—the removal of the headquarters of Deaf Community Services from the plan—along with anticipated challenges in site acquisition, caused the task force to undo its earlier endorsement of a proposal by Carter Reese & Associates to build the library on University Avenue between Idaho and Oregon streets.

In a separate vote, the task force recommended that the city begin negotiating with KDL Properties to integrate the library into a proposed development at 31st Street and University Avenue, known as the Drowsie Maggie's site. The task force made clear its preference that the library should front on University Avenue, and that the developer should work with the community as the design is developed. KDL Properties controls much of the property on the block that is now under consideration.

I am pleased that the task force was able to give such clear direction in light of the changing situation. I want to thank the members of the task force for all of their efforts, and I look forward to working with the developers and their architects toward construction of a first-class flagship library for the Third District.

ALDINE DRIVE SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT RECEIVES \$3 MILLION GRANT

We received some great news recently on our efforts to fund the slope stabilization project on Aldine Drive when the Federal Highway Administration approved a \$3 million grant toward the project. The city's Engineering Department applied for the grant that is 88.53 percent funded by the federal government and supplemented by the State of California. Working in conjunction with the Engineering Department has been the city's General Service Department and the Department of Homeland Security.

The safety of Aldine Drive has been a key issue in the Kensington/Talmadge community. The steep slope in its current state is eroding, which poses a danger to the houses overhead and to traffic below from debris that falls off the slope onto the street.

The city's Engineering Department plans to construct a retaining wall that will both prevent further erosion and keep debris off the street below. The wall will also add property value to the houses supported by the Aldine slope as well as improve traffic along Aldine Drive.

Construction of the wall will take 24-30 weeks to complete. The city's Engineering Department is taking the lead on this project and plans to work with the community on all aspects of the design. Community consulting meetings will begin as soon as possible, and the project will commence once Engineering obtains clearance from all necessary departments.

DISTRICT THREE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)

Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Darlene Davies, chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

City Heights Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue

Meets the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Contact: Jim Varnadore, Chair, 619/280-3910.

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Steven Stratman, Chair, 619/702-6055.

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way

Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: John McGaughy, Chair, 619/574-1135, or jstewartstudios@aol.com

Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

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MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am

Contact: 619/282-7329

City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at

8am at 4305 University Avenue in the Basement Mtg Rm

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5588, San Diego, CA 92165

Phone: 619/540-4410

El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard

Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am

Contact: 619/283-3608

Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm

Contact: 619/299-3330.

North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am

Contact: 619/294-2501

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

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Gary Gonzales (Golden Hill, South Park) -- 619/744-9500

Pat Norris (Fairmount Park) -- 619/531-1515

Bill Taitano (Normal Hgts., Kensington/Talmadge) -- 619/531-2815

Jim Tulumello (City Heights West) -- 619/516-3009

MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm

Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

North Park Project Area Committee

North Park Community Service Center, 3956 30th St.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977,
or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

District Three Staff

Denise Price, Chief of Staff, Deputy Mayor's Office.

Jane Potter, Acting Chief of Staff, Council District Three Office.

George Biagi, Press Secretary, Deputy Mayor's Office; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; Community Development Block Grants.

April Chesebro, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights.

Jeff Gattas, Docket Coordinator, Deputy Mayor's Office; Rules Committee Liaison.

Stephen Hill, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Balboa Park; environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander and African-American communities; City Heights redevelopment; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, homelessness and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Deputy Mayor Atkins.

Monica Pelaez, Council Representative to North Park; liaison to the Latino community; Council docket coordinator; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison; senior issues..

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Uptown, Hillcrest and Normal Heights; infrastructure, citywide redevelopment including Downtown and Petco Park, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, BID Council, NTC.